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PROGRAM NAME

Gifted and Talented Programs

GRADES SERVED

K-12

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DESCRIPTION

The Bushnell PARTNERS Program is a literacy-based program that enriches our elementary students' educational experiences while expanding their appreciation of cultural diversity through a variety of artistic presentations that include international storytelling, mask-making, theater, opera, musical presentations, writing workshops and puppetry. Most of the presentations and books are used to enrich the curriculum that is already in place in the classroom. Other performances and projects are an opportunity for our students to experience literacy, cultural and artistic diversity, and to grow through exposure to unique experiences.

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At the middle school, mini-courses are offered. They are non-graded, student-chosen activities which are taught by teachers and meet for one period every week. A wide variety of activities provide the opportunity for students to pursue interests outside of the regular academic program. Mini-courses also enable children to meet and get to know other students and teachers in a non-competitive atmosphere.

Honors and Advanced Placement courses are offered to students at the high school level. Honors courses provide accelerated programs to those students who exhibit intellectual curiosity, self-motivation, and exceptional academic performance. Students must be willing to make a significant time commitment. Some courses involve extensive independent research. This research prepares students for Advanced Placement examinations.